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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2004 setting a three-month period for reply.

Claims 1-6, 9-11, 26, 28, 30, and 32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-9 and 18-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,955,077 ("the '077 patent). For the purposes of expediting prosecution, without any admission, without any prejudice, without surrender of subject matter, without any